Review of the working of the new textile policy

975. SHRI M. S. RAMACHAND RAN: Will the Mmister of TEXTILES b© pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made about the working of the new Textile Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government have been reviewing from time to time the implementation and impact of the Textile Policy announced in June, 1985. Results achieved so far in important areas of the textile industry indicate that the textile policy has given right direction to the textile industry.

Re-assessment of raid ease*

976. SHRI M. S. RAMACHAN DRAN; Will the Minister of FIN ANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raid cases in which re-assessment has bee$_n$ completed within three years, as on the 30th June, 1986; and

(b) what is the number of such cases pending beyond three years, as o$_n$ the 30th June, 1985?

THE MINISTE.R! OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Income-tax Act, 1961 prescribes time limitg for completion of orders of assessment, re-assessment, re-computation of income which may extend upto the expiry of four years from the end of the assessment year in which th$_e$ reassessm notice was served. Administrative instructions already exist for early completion of assessments in search and seizure cases. Central Board of Direct Taxes does not maintain detailed record regarding the date of comp'etion of such assessments. Progress of such assessments ig however effectively monitored at appropriate field levels.

India's share in world tobacco market

977. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI USHA MAL-HOTRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awar, that India's share in the world tobac co market has com$_e$ down from 17 per cent in 1970 to 9.2 per cent in 1984;

(b) if so, whether Government have analysed the cause$_s$ of this fall: if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLTE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) India's share in world exports of unmanufactured tobacco and FCV tobacco . in 1970 w$_{as}$ 5.75% and 10.59% respectively and in 1984 was 5.76% and 9.37% respectively.

(b) The small decline in India's share in world exports is primarily attributable to growing anti-smoking campaigns in the Western World affecting their import requirements.

(c) The following steps *inter-alia* have been taken to improve India's share in world exports of Tobacco:—

(1) abolition of export duty on unmanufactured tobacco;

(2) inclusion of unmanufactured tobacco in the Select List of Export Products under Appendix 16 of the Import & Export Policy;

(3) Maintaining the Minimum Export Price (MEP) for all types of tobacco of 1986 crop at the 1985 level; and

(4) participation in fairs/exhibitions abroad,

Employees in registered factories in Delhi

978. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state-

(a) the number of employees as on March, 1985 in the registered factories in Delhi Metropolitan area; and

(b) how many of them are covered by the Employees' Provident Fund Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) As reported by Delhi Administration, there were 1.74 lakh employees working in the regis, terecl factories ha Delhi Metropolitan area as on 31-3-1985.

(b) Separate statistics regarding the number of factory workers cover, ed under the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provfttons Act, 1952 are not available. However, according to the available information, the number of workers belonging to the establishments in Delhi to which the EPF & MP Act is applicable was 5.81 lakhs as on 31-3-1985.

Augmentation of food storage capacity in FCI godowns

979. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) what is the total capacity of food storage godowns owned by the Food Corporation of India as on 31st January, 1986;

(b) whether Food Corporation of India has recently received World Bank loan to augment ite storage capacity; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether this loan has been fully utilised; if so, what is the extra storage capacity created thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT pANJA)-(a) As on 31-1-1986, the covered storage capacity owned by the Food Corporation of India was 102.01 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) Under an agreement signed by the Government of India with the International Development Association (DDA) in January, 1978. the IDA agreed to provide a credit of US $ 107 million for construction of storage capacity by the Food Corporation of India. The credit came to a close recently on 31-12-1985. The amount disbursed under the credit so far is US 1$ 104.54 million. The storage capacity completed with this assistance is estimated at 30.29 lakh tonnes.

The Food Corporation of India has not received any other loan from the World Bank recently for construction of storage capacity.